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## **Maine Heating Oil Prices**

Augusta--- The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security (OEIS) conducted its seasonal oil survey and found that the current statewide average cash price for No. 2 heating oil to be at **\$2.69 per gallon**, up one cent from last week.

"Uncertainty over the debt crisis abroad and the dollar's strength against major currencies continues to plague oil prices and markets," said OEIS Director, John Kerry. "Last month was one of the warmest February's on record and spring is just around the corner. However, warm weather should not discourage homeowners and businesses from taking steps now to conserve energy and weatherize."

As of March 15th, 2010

<b>Heating Oil</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Northern</b>
Average	2.69	2.57	2.73	2.76	2.67	2.85
High	3.00	2.75	2.80	2.85	3.00	2.85
Low	2.40	2.40	2.57	2.63	2.42	2.85
<b>Kerosene</b>	3.04	2.93	3.09	3.14	2.91	3.25
<b>Propane</b>	2.82					

It is important to note that the price for heating oil is a statewide average and that prices in a given geographic region of the state may be considerably higher or lower than the statewide average. Within the OEIS sample, the lowest actual heating oil price of \$2.40 per gallon was found in the Southwestern region. The highest price of \$3.00 per gallon was found in the Western region. The statewide kerosene price average is \$3.04 per gallon at this time. The statewide average for propane based on a use of 600 gallons a year is \$2.82 per gallon. The table above provides current Maine cash prices in dollars rounded to the nearest penny.

At the time of this release the price of WTI crude oil, a major driver of refined product prices, including heating oil was \$79.46.

For assistance please contact Efficiency Maine and ask about their Efficiency Maine Weatherization Program (formerly the Maine Home Performance Program). It links Maine homeowners with qualified, certified contractors who provide one-stop-shop access to a whole-house approach to home improvements. The first 4,000 **pre-approved** homes in the program will receive up to \$3,000 each in incentives for approved energy-efficiency projects that meet minimum heating and hot water energy savings requirements. For program details call 877-334-6583 or visit [www.efficiencymaine.com](http://www.efficiencymaine.com). Businesses should take advantage of Efficiency Maine's small business loan program to make energy upgrades: [http://www.efficiencymaine.com/business\\_programs.htm](http://www.efficiencymaine.com/business_programs.htm). The next survey is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

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